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SUMMARY: BRIEF FLURRY OF PUBLIC REACTION TO TACK LIMA STATEMENTS ON US MILITARY "MANEUVERS" IN CANAL ZONE APPEARS TO HAVE FADED. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, TACK HAS EXCLUDED INFLUENCE OF SUBJECT ON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT HIS STATEMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF PRICE OF OBTAINING NAG RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EXISTENCE OF TRUE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IN PANAMA. END SUMMARY.

1. PUBLIC COVERAGE OF TACK DENUNCIATION IN LIMA OF "MANEUVERS" OF US 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION UNITS IN CANAL

ZONE WAS LIMITED FOR MOST PART TO SCANTY WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, AND SOME EDITORIAL AND COLUMNIST COMMENT (PREDICTABLY
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NEGATIVE BOTH ON "MANEUVERS" AND EXTENSIVE US

MILITARY PRESENCE IN CANAL ZONE) WAS SPREAD OVER SEVERAL DAYS (SEE USIS PANAMA 5330). UNFOCUSED COMMENT SUGGESTS GOP MADE NO EFFORT TO ORCHESTRATE DOMESTIC CAMPAIGN BASED ON TACK STATEMENTS; ABSENCE OF COMMENT FOR PAST TWO DAYS APPEARS TO INDICATE MATTER IS BEING ALLOWED TO DIE A NATURAL DEATH.

2. ON TWO OCCASIONS SUBSEQUENT TO HIS INITIAL STATEMENTS, TACK SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS STATEMENTS ABOUT US MANEUVERS AND TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

REF B PARA 2 NOTES HIS LIMA PRESS CONFERENCE. FBIS/PANAMA 310432Z (TEXT OF ARRIVAL REMARKS ON AUGUST 30 AS COVERED BY DOMESTIC RADIO SERVICE) REPORTS HIS RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF WHETHER MILITARY "MANEUVERS" WOULD INFLUENCE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS AS "I DO NOT THINK THAT THEY SHOULD INFLUENCE THEM IN ANY WAY. WE MERELY BELIEVE THESE MANEUVERS ARE ABNORMAL IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

3. LOCAL PRESS OF SEPTEMBER 2, PRO-GOP AND INDEPENDENT, CARRIED EXTENSIVE STORY ON RESULTS OF CONFERENCE, IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH MARCELINO JAEN (MEMBER OF GOP DELEGATION IN LIMA). THIS REPRINTED TEXTS OF TWO RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO PANAMA ADOPTED BY NAC. FIRST ANNOUNCES NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT OF AND SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMA, BUT MAKES NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO US. SECOND ACKNOWLEDGES "THE EXISTENCE OF A REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IN PANAMA, BASED ON THE CHANGE OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STRUCTURES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POPULAR MASSES" AND EXPRESSED "DECIDED SUPPORT FOR THE POLICY OF GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA, LEADER OF THE PANAMANIAN REVOLUTION."

4. COMMENT: DETERMINATION OF PANAMANIAN LEADERSHIP TO OBTAIN PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF ITS REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS BY DEVELOPING WORLD IS WELL KNOWN; THIS IS AIMED AT KEEPING STUDENTS AND LEFTISTS IN PANAMA FROM BECOMING OVERLY RESTIVE, AND AT DEMONSTRATING TORRIJOS' INDEPENDENCE OF US FOR BENEFIT OF OTHERS IN DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD, BUT IT IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT PART OF SELF-IMAGE OF PRESENT LEADERSHIP WHICH REGARDS ITSELF, AND WISHES TO BE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED, AS REVOLUTIONARY IN TRUE SENSE. IN THIS CONTEXT, GOP IS SEEKING CHEAPEST AVAILABLE WAY OF DEMONSTRATING ITS REVOLUTIONARY LEGITIMACY; HOWEVER, PANAMANIAN SITUATION IN LIMA DOES NOT SEEM VERY REVOLUTIONARY. NAC RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANAL IS PROBABLY ABSOLUTE MINIMUM THAT THIS GROUP WOULD HAVE GIVEN

TO ANY STATE IN PANAMA'S POSITION, VIS-A-VIS US, WHICH
HAD GOVERNMENT SOMEWHAT TO LEFT OF GHENGIS KHAN. OTHER
PANAMANIAN POLITICAL POSITIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY
MODERATE, E.G. FORTHRIGHT DEFENSE OF ISRAEL AND APPARENT
SILENCE DURING KOREA DISCUSSION REPORTED LIMA 7062.
PANAMA STILL LACKS RELATIONS WITH USSR AND CHINA
OUT OF APPARENT DEFERENCE, UP TO NOW, OF US WISHES.
ACCORDINGLY, WE READ TACK'S STATEMENTS IN LIMA AS HAVING
BEEN DIRECTLY ADDRESSED TO PANAMIAN AUDIENCE, WITH PRIMARY
AIM OF LETTING THEM HEAR SOMETHING TO HELP JUSTIFY
RESOLUTION OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGING AND ENDORSING TORRIJOS'
DOMESTIC REVOLUTION AND INTERNATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
LEGITIMACY. IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY SOME OTHER MILITARY-LED
REGIMES HAVE HAD IN GAINING ACCEPTANCE OF RADICAL
NONALIGNED WITH ANYTHING SHORT OF DRASTIC DOMESTIC OR
INTERNATIONAL MEASURES, OUR MAIN SURPRISE IS THAT THE
PANAMANIANS GOT THEIR ENDORSEMENT SO CHEAPLY. END
COMMENT.
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